



RETZER NATURE CENTER

WAUKESHA COUNTY PARKS & LAND USE
S14 W28167 MADISON STREET
WAUKESHA, WI 53188

Return Service Requested

Nature Center Office Hours:

Sunday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information - call (262) 896-8007

For Program Registration Call - (262)-548-7801

YOUR FALL NATURE CONNECTION PROGRAM GUIDE

September - November 2006

At A Glance

September	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training	October 11 <i>Wednesday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 1-Slide Program	October 31 <i>Tuesday</i>	Last Day To Place Your Retzer Bird Seed Order
September 6 <i>Wednesday</i>	Retzer Camera Club	October 14 <i>Saturday</i>	Forest Ecology Workshop Part 2-Field Session	November	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training
September 23 <i>Saturday</i>	Retzer Apple Harvest Festival	October 14 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Natural Landscaping and Native Seed Collecting Workshop	November 1 <i>Wednesday</i>	Retzer Camera Club
September 30 <i>Saturday</i>	Basket Workshop	October 14 <i>Saturday</i>	Family Fun "Twilight Howl"	November 3-6, 8 <i>Fri.-Mon., Wed.</i>	Retzer Bird Seed Pickup at Parks
October	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training	October 14 <i>Saturday</i>	Nature Sprouts "When Autumn Falls"	November 5 <i>Sunday</i>	"Friends" Photo Contest Reception at Retzer
October	Retzer Bird Seed Orders Taken Throughout October	October 18 <i>Wednesday</i>	Private Septic and Well Sysyem	November 11 <i>Saturday</i>	Family Fun "Migration"
October 4 <i>Wednesday</i>	Retzer Camera Club	October 21 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Color Hike at Nashotah Park	November 15 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts "Hoots, Howls and Honks"
October 7 <i>Saturday</i>	Leopold Education Project Workshop for Educators	October 21 <i>Saturday</i>		November 18 <i>Saturday</i>	Basket Workshop

September

VOLUNTEER TEACHER NATURALIST TRAINING

This apprenticeship program is for adults interested in volunteering to lead hikes for school groups that come to Retzer Nature Center. Topics will include: general interpretation of the Wisconsin landscape (especially the plants, animals, and ecology of Retzer Nature Center); environmental education activities (and equipment) used at Retzer; and strategies and tactics for outdoor teaching of school children. Training will include assisting with scheduled programs. There is no registration deadline; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year. Call Retzer Nature Center, (262) 896-8007 to sign up or for additional information.

RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets monthly, with instructional programs, sharing/critique of members' photographs, discussion of equipment and technique, and opportunities for taking photographs at Retzer Nature Center and other nature areas.

DATE: Wednesday, September 6
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Adult Program

"Queen of the Nile." This basket pattern was a sell-out in one day at the North Carolina Convention. It is both gorgeous and somewhat challenging. This is not a beginner basket, but suited for intermediate level weavers. This round basket is woven on a 6 inch square-footed base and stands 9 inches tall and is 12 inches in diameter. The basket is woven with both flat and round reed and the colors are natural, smoked and one other accent color. You will be working with a feather design, twill, and a Gretchen border. The basket most likely will not be completely finished in class. The pattern will be included. Bring the following supplies: an old towel, basket or pruning shears, several dozen wood clip clothespins, cloth tape measure, pan, non-Phillip's screw driver, pencil, jackknife, and spray bottle for water. Don't forget your lunch.

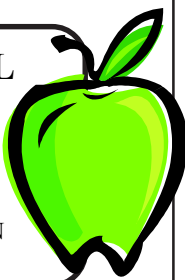
DATE: Saturday, September 30
TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Note earlier start time.)
FEE: \$45.00
REGISTER BY: September 22

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sponsored by: AppleTree Credit Union

Saturday, September 23
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SEE INSERT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



October

Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training

We welcome Volunteers anytime of the year!

(See September listing for description and details).

RETZER BIRD SEED SALE BEGINS

Watch your mailbox for our 2006 Bird Seed Flyer! Orders are taken during the month of October. Pick-up dates are: November 3 and 4 at Nashotah Park, November 5 and 6 at Minooka Park, and November 8 at Moor Downs Golf Course. Excellent Bird Seed! Excellent Prices!

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DATE: Wednesday, October 4
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LEOPOLD EDUCATION PROJECT WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS

Adult Program

The Leopold Education Project (LEP) is an innovative environmental education curriculum based on essays from *A Sand County Almanac*, written by renowned conservationist, Aldo Leopold. LEP teaches students and adults about humanity's ties to the natural environment in an effort to conserve and protect the earth's natural resources. The workshop will provide valuable lesson plans and techniques used to carry out Leopold's vision. Lessons are coordinated to Wisconsin Academic Standards. Participants learn how to use the natural world to teach reading, writing, science, math, social studies and history to meet the Standards. A fun way to teach what we are already teaching!!!

DATE: Saturday, October 7
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$25.00 per person
REGISTER BY: October 2

FOREST ECOLOGY WORKSHOP

Adult Program

Learn about the fascinating workings of the forest community in this 2-day workshop. The evening slide program will introduce the way that forest, trees, plants, birds and animals depend upon one another. The field session, held at Picnic Area #3 of Muskego Park, will take participants off the trail to study the forest using scientific techniques. A summary of the results will be sent to each participant.

DATES/TIMES: Wednesday, October 11
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Slide Program at Retzer Nature Center.
Saturday, October 14
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Field Session at Muskego Park Picnic Area #3.
FEE: \$10.00 (plus Waukesha County Park Sticker)
REGISTER BY: October 6

FALL NATURAL LANDSCAPING AND NATIVE SEED COLLECTING WORKSHOP

Adult Program

Learn to identify over 30 native prairie species in their fall condition while collecting seed to start your own prairie planting. Discuss the related topics of phenology, seed storage, cleaning and treatment, as well as the importance of native origin and the preservation of genetic diversity. Bring a bag lunch.

DATE: Saturday, October 14
TIMES: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$16.00
INSTRUCTOR: Mike Bourquin
REGISTER BY: October 9

FAMILY FUN

Family Program

"Twilight Howl." It gets wild at night when animals come out to play. Discover which animals become more active after sunset and how they use their senses to communicate. Join a Retzer Nature Center naturalist on the trails as she leads you through a nighttime adventure.

DATE: Saturday, October 14
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
FEE: \$2.50 per person
REGISTER BY: October 9

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

"When Autumn Falls." Everything is falling—colorful leaves, red ripe apples, football players, and the temperatures! Burr! Join the fun as we collect leaves; create dazzling leaf prints, and a craft project to wear! Each program is centered around a nature theme and includes a story, snack, and craft, as well as time outside. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, October 18
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: October 13

PRIVATE SEPTIC AND WELL SYSTEMS

Adult Program

Learn the ins and outs of septic and well systems, how they work and the best ways to manage them! This topic is especially important for homeowners in unincorporated and suburban areas.

DATE: Saturday, October 21
TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
FEE: \$4.00
REGISTER BY: October 16

FALL COLOR HIKE

Adult/Family Program

As fall approaches the number of hours of daylight shortens each day. This seasonal contrast kicks off a series of chemical reactions within tree leaves that cause Wisconsin's spectacular autumns. Fall foliage is in the spotlight! Revel in the color palette as a crisp wind gently ushers in the autumn season. Come join us at Nashotah Park and hike the trails littered with red, orange, tan and yellow leaves that crunch underfoot. Explore the Ecology of Fall and see what birds and animals we can observe.

DATE: Saturday, October 21
TIME: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per family
(plus Waukesha County Park sticker)
REGISTER BY: October 16

*** REMINDER ***

**OCTOBER 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO PLACE
YOUR RETZER BIRD SEED ORDER**

Call us at 262-896-8007

November

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DATE: Wednesday, November 1
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

BIRD SEED PICK UP

- At Nashotah Park Office

Friday, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and
Saturday, November 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- At Minooka Park Office

Sunday, November 5, from noon to 4:30 p.m., and
Monday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- At Moor Downs Golf Course Maintenance Building

Wednesday, November 8, from noon to 6:00 p.m.
(Located on Riverview - across from the County Children's Center).

EXCELLENT SEED! EXCELLENT PRICES!

PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION

Join us at the Friend's Annual Photo Contest on Sunday, November 5 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Exclusive photo's taken on the grounds of Retzer Nature Center will be professionally judged at this afternoon reception. All contestants and the public are invited to attend this creative event.

FAMILY FUN

Family Program

"Migration." Should I stay or should I go? This is a perfect time of the year to learn about the migration of birds and other animals and how they prepare for winter, all due to climate change. Some birds and wildlife choose to spend their winter in Wisconsin and have a hard time finding food. Our project will include building a winter feeding station for our guests that remain in the area. This is a great way to help them survive the cold winter months and a great way to view them as well.

DATE: Saturday, November 11
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
FEE: \$2.50 per person
REGISTER BY: November 6

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

"Hoots, Howls & Honks!" If we could talk to animals what would we say? Join the pack as we learn the secrets of creature communication. "*The Eyes of Gray Wolf*" will give us some clues. We'll create a fun craft and enjoy a snack! Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, November 15
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: November 10

BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

Adult Program

"French Twist." This very attractive basket is woven with natural reed and one accent color. This is an oval basket that measures 6 x 10 inches and is 7 inches tall not including the handles. The basket is accented with two 6 inch notched swing ash handles and is woven on a 5 x 8 inch oval grooved base. You will be working on twill, start/stop weaving and twining. This basket would make a lovely centerpiece and also a great fruit basket. The pattern is included. Bring the following supplies: an old towel, basket or pruning shears, several dozen wood clip clothespins, cloth tape measure, pan, non-Phillip's screw driver, pencil, jackknife, and spray bottle for water.

DATE: Saturday, November 18
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.
FEE: \$45.00
REGISTER BY: November 10

**Visit Retzer Nature Center
Gift Shop
Great Stocking Stuffers for the Kids and
Unique Holiday Nature Gifts for
Everyone**

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

**COMPOST BINS ARE AVAILIABLE AT
RETZER NATURE CENTER**

FRIENDS OF RETZER PHOTO CONTEST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Start taking pictures at Retzer Nature Center for
entering in the contest!!

Sponsored by the Friends of Retzer Nature Center, this event is becoming a popular way of making visitors more aware of the beauties of the nature center when they look into the lens of their camera. Why not join the fun by entering some pictures taken at Retzer. An entry form is enclosed with all pertinent information.

WANTED SCOUTS, GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

**Be a Part of Scarecrow Lane at
Retzer Apple Harvest Festival
Create a Scarecrow Contest
Check out our Scarecrow
Insert**

**September - November 2006
Retzer Nature Center Programs**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to Retzer Nature Center -
Master Card and Visa accepted.

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

Child's Name	Workshop	Date	Birth Date
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Mail form and fee(s) to:

Retzer Nature Center Programs
Attn: Ronda
1320 Pewaukee Road, Room 230
Waukesha, WI 53188
(262) 548-7801

Questions:

Some workshops fill up quickly, please call to verify openings
for a workshop you want to enroll in.